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SUBJECT: REYNOLDS NATIONALIZATION

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1. CU CONCUR IN ADVISABILITY OF INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION OF PHYSICAL CONDITION OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AT REYNOLDS TWO INSTALLATIONS IN GUYANA, AND THAT THIS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN SOONEST. RETENTION BY OPIC OF OUTSIDE ENGINEERING CONSULTANT FOR THIS PURPOSE ALSO SEEMS MOST APPROPRIATE METHOD.

2. ALSO CONCUR IN ADVISABILITY OF INFORMING MINISTER JACK BEFOREHAND AND IN INVITING HIM TO APPOINT HIS OWN REPRESENTATIVE TO ACCOMPANY OPIC CONSULTANT. RECOMMEND AT LEAST FIVE DAYS LEAD-TIME BETWEEN INFORMING JACK AND SCHEDULED ARRIVAL OF CONSULTANT SO AS NOT TO GIVE IMPRESSION WE ARE PUTTING PRESSURE ON GOG.

3. THIS CONNECTION, WAGNER OF REYNOLDS HAD ALREADY PHONED ME FROM RICHMOND OCTOBER 9 TO INFORM ME CONSULTANT APPOINTED AND WOULD BE IN RICHMOND OCTOBER 10 TO REVIEW COMPANY RECORDS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO GUYANA. WAGNER SAID HE INTENDED DESIGNATE
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CHEONG OF GEORGETOWN OFFICE TO ACCOMPANY CONSULTANT AND ASKED IF I

COULD ALSO DESIGNATE EMBOFF TO ACCOMPANY. I TOLD WAGNER I WOULD
AWAIT WORD FROM DEPT. WAGNER THOUGHT CONSULTANT WOULD SPEND NOT
MORE THAN COUPLE OF DAYS IN KWAKWANI ANBHEVERTON.

4. WHILE IT WOULD BE RELATIVELY EASY TO MAKE EMBOFF AVAILABLE
(EVEN IF IT INVOLVED UP TO FIVE DAYS), I AM NOT CONVINCED THAT
EMBASSY PRESENCE IS EITHER NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE IM WHAT IS ESSEN-
TIALY TECHNICAL OPERATION, AND ESPECIALLY IF GOG REPRESENTWIVE
ACCOMPANIES OPIC CONSULTANT. EMBOFF COULD CONTRIBUTE ONLY MINIMALLY
ON TECHNICAL ASPECT AND ANY NEED FOIHIS PRESENCE FROM STAND-POIYZ
OF SECURITY WOULD BE OBIATED BY GUARANTY IMPLICIT IN CONCURRENCE
OF GOG IN OPERATION.
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